Occupation of Kalpana Buildings, Bombay by MTNL

3348. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the owners of "Kalpana Building", 33rd Road, Khar, Bombay being occupied illegally by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited have appealed for vacation of said premises;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the lease-agreement between the MTNL and Owners has expired, and the residential building is being used for storing inflamable and explosive material; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to vacate the premises?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, the building was occupied by erstwhile Bombay Telephone after entering into proper agreement with the owners. However, the landlords have been pressing for the vacation of the said premises.

(b) Although the lease agreement has expired, MTNL is continuing to occpy the premises as statutory tenants in accordance with the legal opinion. No inflamable or explosive materials are being stored in the biulding.

(c) Question does not arise.

Misuse of Telephone connections in Delhi

3349. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malpractices are going on in Delhi under Telephone Exchange 229 in matters relating to shifting and misuse of telephone connections;

(b) the number of shifting cases pending within thin exchange with the dates and telephone numbers thereof and the reasons for not their shifting so far;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the complaints of so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Junior Engineer of this area has not accepted his promotion as Assistant Engineer, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 213 shifting cases (including local shift) are pending in Shahdara exchange area including proposed Yamuna Vihar RLU exchange area due to:—

(i) Non-availability of underground cable pairs in some pockets; and

(ii) Non-availability of exchange capacity.

Details are being colleteed and will be separately placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir. A total of 19 complaints regarding misuse and delay in execution were received from January 1991 onwards and were investigated. In 4 cases irregularities were noticed, for which disciplinary action against 3 JTOs and one Record Supervisor is under process.

(d) No, Sir. One of the 8 JTOs in the area was promoted on adhoc basis, but was not released as his presence was required to implement the time bound programme of providing telephone connections in the area.

Promotion of SC/ST employees under 'Biennial Cadre Review' Scheme

3350. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation/relaxation has been provided for SC/ST employees of Group C and D for promotions under

the Biennial Cadre Review' scheme in Department of Posts (w.e.f. Ist October, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether representations have been received from Secretary General P&T SC/ ST Employees Welfare Association (Regd.) for providing promotions to the SC/ST employees under Biennial Cadre Review Schme after twenty years service instead of twenty six years fixed for employees of general catogory; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A special 40 point roster applicable for promotion will be maintained for SC/ ST employees for promotion under the Biennial Cadre Review scheme. If sufficient number of candidates belonging to the SC/ST communities having 26 years of service do not become available for promotion against the points reserved for them in the 40 point roster, to the extent of shortfall, SC/ST candidates with less than 26 years of service will be given promotion provided they have rendered the minimum period of service laid down in the recruitment rules which were operative before the introduction of the scheme.

(c) In view of above, does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Action for giving benefits to SC/ST employees under Biennial Cadre Review scheme had been initiated before the receipt of the representation. Necessary orders for reservation have already been issued on 5-12-91.

Ad-hoc Promotion to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes personnel

3351. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not making regular promotions in the Civil Wing;

(b) whether it is a fact that the adhoc promotions are against the interest of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes personnel, if so, what measures have been taken to protect their interests; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes personnel promoted on ad-hoc basis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Regular promotions to some of the grades in the Civil Wing are held up due to court cases on seniority list.

(b) No Sir. In adhoc promotions also Reservation orders for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes are followed and the vacancies falling to their share are filled up from available Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe officials only.

(c) The number of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes personnel promoted on adhoc basis are as follows:

	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe
Civil		
(i) Executive Engineer	2	..
(ii) Assistant Engineer	39	1
Electrical		
(i) Executive Engineer	2	..
(ii) Assistant Engineer	18	1
Architectural		
(i) Architect	1	..
(ii) Assistant Architect	1	..